

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-26 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, pursuant to the telephonic interview of December 11, 2008, claim 21 has been amended, and claim 22 has been canceled. No new claims have been added.

I. Interview Summary

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Tsui for the courtesies extended Applicants' representative during the December 11, 2008 telephonic interview. During the interview, the merits of the present invention were discussed, and an informal agreement was reached concerning the amendment to claim 21 to render that claim in condition for allowance subject to Examiner Tsui's conducting an updated search. As to the outstanding rejections pending with regards to the other claims, any amendments to the other claims will be reserved until Examiner Tsui conducts a formal review of the enclosed amendment to claim 21, and conducts an updated search with regards to the instant claimed invention.

II. Conclusion

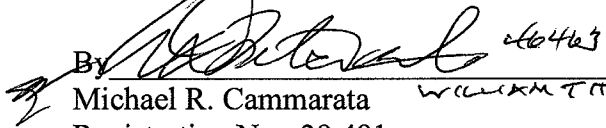
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that at least claim 21 is allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact William D. Titcomb Reg. No. 46,463 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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